GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:264
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2000
VIP SECURITY
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU;NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the report in the Times of India dated January 8, 2000, to the effect that Delhi Police devotes just 40% or less of their time, resources and energies in preventing and detecting crime, and the rest being spent on VIP Security;

(b) the percentage of time and resources of other security outfits on VIP duties;

(c) whether the Government have reviewed or have undertaken a review of the needs of VIP security in respect of different individuals; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof by way of withdrawing futile security arrangements unconnected with security risks?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI)
(a),(b),(c)&(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 264 FOR 14.3.2000 REGARDIN SECURITY

(a)&(b): The news item which appeared in Times of India on 8.1.2000 has come to the notice of the Government.As of now, Delhi Police has a total strength of 53,229. Out of this ,5939 Police Personnel are deployed for security of protectees.The remaining Force is deployed on various other policing duties. Deployment of Police personnel for security of protectees depends upon the number of protectees at a particular time and other ground requirements. Therefore, the figures of deployment on security duties do not remain constant. Presently, 8,282 Police Personnel are deployed on such duties in Delhi.Out of this, 5,939 belong to Delhi Police and the remaining are drawn from other Forces.
(c)&(d): As per the security scheme, the need for security and scale of security arrangements are reviewed periodically based on latest threat perception in each case. This is a continuing process. Government have a duty to see that persons in public life, who invite wrath of militants or terrorists are given due protection. Government also have a duty to ensure protection of common citizens. In order to ensure that adequate police force is available for the security of common citizens, the Government continuously reviews deployment on personal security to ensure optimal use of the force.